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Station Madras *Dated the* 23rd March 1928. 192

From
B.G.Holdsworth Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary,
~~The Board of Revenue,~~ Land Revenue ~~Revenue~~ Settlement, ~~etc~~ ~~Separate Revenue.~~

To
H.Macmichael Esq., C.S.I.,I.C.S.,
Commr.of Land Revenue.

~~Resolution~~ Reference.

Read the following papers:-

I

G.O. 972 M., dated 14th July 1921.

II

G.O.297 M., dated 12th March 1924.

III

G.O. 2639 Revenue, dated 17th December 1927

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Letter from E.M. Gawne Esq., I.C.S., Collector of South Kanara, No.Ref. B3-1560-28 dated the 13th March 1928:-

Reference.- G.O.No. 2639 Misc., Revenue, dated 17th De 1927.

Go.2639 Rev (B)
17.XII.27

The Government order states that the Government are not convinced of the necessity for the construction of quarters for the Revenue Divisional officer, Tahsildar and Stationary Sub Magistrate at Puttur. This decision by the Government cuts away the foundation of the whole correspondence for the last 8 years as to how the lack of housing accommodation in Puttur could be circumvented. I am myself quite at a loss to know on what inside information, hidden from the Collector, the Government relies in stating an opinion that there is no difficulty about housing accommodation in Puttur.

2. This difficulty has been admitted ever since the division was formed in the eighties. The first Divisional officer required a house and this house was provided by giving a site to the Shanbhogue who was also a Local Fund Contractor and by supplying him with a lot of free timber. He then built a bungalow with the assistance of the Taluk establishment and this bungalow became the residence of the Divisional officer who paid rent to the Shanbhogue. This arrangement continued till 1919 when the original owner got involved in debt and sold his property and the Vakil who bought the bungalow proposed to reside in it himself. The Deputy Collector therefore vacated the bungalow but even to this day it is called the Deputy Collector's bungalow.

3. When the Deputy Collector lost his bungalow he addressed the Collector in November 1919 and pointed out that he was now without a residence. Mr.Ellis the then Collector made inspections at Puttur and was unable to find any suitable house for the Deputy Collector. He therefore proposed that the old 'Deputy Collector's bungalow' shoul be acquired and the Government agreed to this. The amount of compensation was settled at Rs.2549 but the claimants appealed against the award and the District Court enhanced it to Rs. 8269. As the walls of the bungalow were made of mud and the roof was in a bad state the compensation was considered exorbitant and the acquisition was therefore dropped.

pp30-31 G.O.Ms.No. 855 Rev. 4.5.28 (F)

4. Subsequently Mr.Souter after a careful inspection of the town suggested the construction of houses for the Revenue Divisional officer, Tahsildar and Sub Magistrate. He selected two plots on the maidan (Government land) adjacent to the - Revenue Divisional office and suggested the acquisition by private purchase of S.No. 134/7 owned by the Basel Mission. These suggestions were approved in Board's Reference C 2571-24-1, dated 24th June 24. Subsequently when he heard that there was a proposal to shift the head quarters of the Ranger from Puttur to Sullia, Mr.Souter modified his previous proposals and recommended that the Range office etc. might be utilised as a residence for the Divisional officer and that the quarters for the other two officers should be built on the maidan. Definite proposals on the same lines were submitted by Mr.Wells in his letter Dis.3638/19 dated 25-11-25. The maidan site was however regarded with some doubt from the first. From the point of view of the public, it was felt that the public offices had already occupied enough of this one open space. The officers too who were to be accommodate here were not very anxious to have such isolated sites which would also be without water conveniences. Then Mr.Raghaviah Land Revenue Commissioner inspected Puttur and he decided to house all the officers on the site of the Ranger's office and quarters; but as this was found to be insufficient to accommodate all the three officers it was subsequently decided after inspection by Mr.Vernon that the Range office site could provide land for quarters for the Divisional officer and Tahsil It was also proposed to utilise S.No. 131/14 B in the occupation of the Local Fund Overseer for the housing of the Sub-Magistrate- please see Board's Reference No.5574-27-2, dated 21st October 1927.

5. Every Collector since 1919 appears to have been convinced of the lack of accommodation not only for the Deputy Collector but also for the Tahsildar and Sub Magistrate. At

has been inspected by two Board Members- Dewan Bahadur T.Raghavayya Pantulu and Mr.H.A.B.Vernon with a view to make definite proposals for finding accommodation for these officers at present. Neither of these officers appears to have expressed any doubt as to the need for Government to assist in housing these officers.

6. The Divisional officer now lives in a small rickety house which accommodates him but cannot accommodate the members of his family who now reside in Mangalore. The Tahsildar lives in a Mission bungalow which did not appear to me to be very adequate. However he says the difficulty lies in the fact that his tenure of the bungalow is precarious. The Sub Magistrate lives in a small thatched house on the roadside because he cannot get a better house. I submit that when successive Collectors for the last 8 years have been exploring every scheme for providing houses for officers in Puttur it is difficult to understand how the Government should hold that the housing difficulty does not exist. If the Government will state the source of information for holding that there is no difficulty about housing accommodation I will endeavour to meet those grounds; for I have been convinced just as my predecessors were, that the need for houses is keenly felt.

Reference.-
Submitted to Government

2. In the circumstances reported by the Collector, the Board considers that a strong case has been made out for the provision of Government quarters for the Revenue officials at Puttur and it accordingly requests that Government will be pleased to reconsider their decision in G.O.No. 2639 Revenue, dated 17th December 1927.

3. The necessary plans and estimates will be called for from the Collector on receipt of the orders of Government.

N.R. Holcombe
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

Rev. Deptt.

1341 C/28.

Buildings - S. Kanara - Puttur - Quarters for the R. D. O Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate.

List of papers put up

D. No. 912 W, d 14.7.24 — (H)
D. No. 297 W, d 13.3.24 (N)
D. No. 850 Rev. d 26.5.26. (F)
D. No. 439 Rev. d 19/XII/27 pp 1-4 Cf. (B)

From the Board of Rev. Lr. No. E. 2134/28-1, d 23.3.28.

To Mr. Muir Key.

Please see the Board's Ref. at pp 1-4 Cf.

2. In the light of the Collector's report at pages 2-4 Cf and the Board's recommendation, it is for orders whether the decision in G.O. No. 2639 Mis, d. 17. XII. 27 will be reconsidered. (Please see the order on page 47 of the Eco)

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What are the counter proposals which is suggested should be afforded

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The proposals for approval are referred to below

(1) R. D. O's quarters at Puttur.

The original proposal by the Board of was to adapt the office and qua of the forest Range officer at Puttur into a residence for the R. D. O

an estimated cost of Rs 13,200/- p28 of (B)
After the inspection of the forest building
and the site by the L.R. Commr
the Board reported that the p24 of (B)
existing forest building was
entirely unsuitable and incapable
of adaptation and that to spend
Rs13,200 in altering it although
it was not susceptible of satisfactory
alteration was very bad economy.
The Board therefore asked the Collr
to submit fresh plans and
estimates for the construction of
quarters for the R.O on the site
of the Range Officers quarters.

(2) Quarters for the Tahsildar

The Board originally submitted
plans and estimates for Rs 7,000/- para 1, pp 1-2 of Exh (B)
for the construction of quarters for the
Tahr on the site of the Forest Range/ A pp 23-24 of Exh (A)
Officer's quarters. On its Ref of 21.x.27 pp 23-24 of (B)
the Board has asked the Collr
to submit fresh plans and
estimate for the quarters of the Tahr.

(3) Quarters for the S.S.M. at Puttur

The Board's original proposal was for
the construction of quarters for the
S.S.M. on the site of the Forest Range / B

Office and quarters at an estimated
(Ann. pp 1-2 Vol (B)) Cost of Rs 6,300/- After the inspection of
the site by the S.R. Commr the Board
p 24 of (B) reported that it was desirable that
the S.S.M who was in Charge of
the Sub jail should be within easy
reach of it and that the best
site for the erection of his quarters
was S.No. 131-14-B of Puttur village.
This land, which is in the occupation
of the S.F. Dept, was not made over
to the District Board formally, but that
body was allowed to build quarters
and office for the S.F. Overseer In
Ref. d. 21. x. 27 the Board directed
the Collr to resume the land and
building on payment of the book
value of the buildings

2. If the proposals for the construc
of quarters for the R.D.O Tahsildar
and S.S.M. at Puttur on the site
proposed by the Board of Rev. are
approved, arrangements will
~~first~~ have to be made to transf
the forest Range Office ~~building and grant~~ site
to the Rev. Dept for the Construction of
quarters for the RDO & Tahr and
to resume the land and buildin

in S. No. 131 - 14 - B at Puttur occupied as office and quarters by the Local Fund Overseer for the Construction of quarters for the F. F. M. The Chief Conservator of Forests has stated that there is no objection to transferring the forest Range office and residence at Puttur to the Rev. Deptt. but that the actual transfer can be effected only after new buildings have been erected at Sullia the proposed headquarters of the forest Range. Concerning the resumption of the land on which the office and quarters of the Lf. Overseer stand there is no information whether the Lf authorities have been consulted. Please see the F. F. note on page 47 of G.O. No. 2639 Rev dy 17. 12. 27 on this point. ~~Probably the Lf authorities may be able to find accomodation elsewhere for the office and quarters of the Lf. Overseer.~~

DPI 1. 5. 28

to under Secy

(P)

With reference to the Secretary's query on page 1 supra / it is submitted that the proposals which the Collector of South Kanara and the Board of Revenue have recommended for the acceptance of the Govt are.

p24 of G.O. 2639 Rev 17.12.27

1) Construction of quarters for the R.I. at Puttur

pp23-24 of (W)

2) Construction of quarters for the Amildar at Puttur and

3) Construction of quarters for the Honorary Sub-Magistrate at Puttur.

Items (1) and (2) would involve the transfer to the revenue deptt. of the forest range office site.

~~and the Range officer's quarters.~~

and (3) would involve the resumption of the land which the office and quarters of the A.F. Overseer stand.

The Govt. refused to accept these proposals in G.O. mis. No. 2639 Rev. dt 17.12.27.

p47 and 50 of (N)

The Collector and the Board have requested that the orders of the Govt. may be re-considered in view of the necessity for the construction of quarters for the officers in question. The test generally applied in respect of proposals for the construction of quarters for R.I.s., Tahsn. S.S.Ms, clerks and menials is whether private enterprise will not operate and provide the necessary accommodation. If

has not been reported in the present case that private enterprise will or will not operate. Puttur is the headquarters of the Puttur Sub-Division and Taluk and it is also the headquarters of the Taluk Board. Its population according to the Census of 1921 is 5516.

CRS 16/5/28

The Collector may be asked to submit a full report on the question whether private enterprise is likely to operate in this place DSV 22.5.28

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No. Draft letter, please.

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A draft order is submitted for approval

EP 29.5.28

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READ ALSO:—

C. No. 1341 C/28 From the Board of Rev., L.R. & S. Ref.E. No. 2134/28-1, dated 23-3-1928.

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No. 1193, dated 5-6-1928.

The decision in G.O.No. 2639 Mis. dated 17-12-27 was arrived at after a careful consideration of the ~~necessity to provide Government~~ subject to which it relates. quarters for the R.D.O., Tahsildar and S.S.M. ~~at~~ Puttur in the South ~~Kanara Dt~~. The Government regret that they cannot modify their order ~~already issued~~ on the subject ~~G.O. referred to above.~~